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In re Patent Application of

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For: ENERGY AND POWER INTERCHANGE SYSTEM AND ITS METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Notice of Appeal was filed October 15, 2002. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) accompanies this response.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-37 without prejudice or disclaimer and add new claims 38-67 as set forth below.

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--38. An energy and power interchange system for exchanging energy and power between different energy systems located on an energy path around the pacific ocean, the energy and power interchange system comprising: